

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

## **TRANSACTION STRUCTURES AND METHODS CONCERNING THE FORWARD SALE OF A COMMODITY**

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants respond as follows, wherein:

**Claim Amendments** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 9.